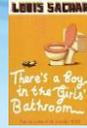


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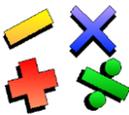
We will start the summer term looking at informal and formal letters, focussing on the layout and features alongside our Talk for Writing scheme which worked successfully with Beowulf. Our inspiration for most of our writing will come from learning about the sinking of The Titanic. Children will become journalists and become adept at writing news reports.

After this, we will be basing most of our English lessons on our class book, 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar. Using the issues and dilemmas in this story, children will be engaging in diary writing as well as character studies. We will also be writing balanced arguments on a range of interesting topics. During this unit, the children will have the opportunity to participate in a class debate as well as take part in drama. We will finish off our Year 5 English lessons with writing and performing poetry. Throughout this term, we will continue with our Riveting writing to give the children opportunities to write independently. We will be teaching our Exceeding Reading Scheme through whole class lessons.



Maths

In Maths, we will ensure that children are confident with the school's written methods for all four number operations incorporating them into multi-step word problems. We will also be studying coordinates, reflection, translation, volume, capacity, problems involving units of time, line graphs and timetables.



Please keep supporting your child to help them learn their times tables up to 12 x 12 as well as the inverse division facts. Some children still do not know them and this is a vital skill which they should know and be able to use by now. Please continue to use TT Rockstars, and practise as much as possible.

Science

We will be learning about living things and their life cycles before moving on to a unit where we learn about light and electricity. The children will be participating in a range of experiments, where they will need to work scientifically. Our light and electricity learning will enable us to carry out our DT project.



History and Geography

In History, we will be looking at Willen through the ages, concentrating on identifying continuity and change in the history of the locality of the school and our geography fieldwork skills. In Geography, our unit will be called 'Active Planet'. Here, we will be learning about volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes!

Design and Technology

In Design Technology we will design and build an Electrical Car. We will use what we have learnt in our science unit to build a car which can move from one place to another; some may even have lights to help them see in the dark! We will also be designing a mobile phone/iPad cover. For this project, we will need to master our sewing skills!



Music

The Charanga music scheme continues to be the backbone of our music lessons. The children will be delighted to know that we are moving onto the genre of rap and grime!



Helping Your Child At Home

Please continue to encourage your child to read outside of school at least three times a week as per the policy. You also need to write in, or at least sign their reading record book. Please refer to the protocols inside the front cover. Learning Logs will still be given out on a Wednesday to be due back in the following Monday.

Physical Education

This term, Year 5 will be learning to play badminton and learn different athletic skills such as throwing, running and jumping. Please could you make sure that your child has suitable outdoor shoes and PE kits must be named and always in school on a Monday after being washed at the weekend. PE days continue to be Wednesday and Friday.

Personal Social Health Education and Citizenship

We will continue following the monthly school values, promoting these through class assemblies and class circles.

Religious education

What is best for our world? Does religion help us to decide? This unit looks at different religions and the values they promote.

French

We will be continuing to learn basic French vocabulary inspired by the beach. We will then build on this to write simple phrases, then sentences to produce short pieces of writing such as a text, email and a postcard.

Kindest Regards.
The Year Five Team

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